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ITALY.

*Reports from Naples.*NAPLES, ITALY, *October 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the steamship *Gallia*, of the Fabre Line, left this port on October 20, 1901, with 557 emigrants for New York. The captain was given a sealed letter as follows:

In addition to the information given on the accompanying bill of health, I have to inform you that the steamship *Gallia*, leaving this port to-day for New York, lay off from the wharf while at Naples; that due precautions were taken to prevent rats from going aboard; that communication with the shore was under my supervision; that the cargo was submitted to a careful scrutiny in order that articles likely to convey contagion should not go without proper treatment; and that all steerage passengers were submitted to a medical examination before going aboard. The temperature of all steerage passengers has been taken, and all persons having a temperature above normal were detained.

All baggage of steerage passengers was disinfected in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Vaccination was omitted in compliance with the regulations as likely to increase the liability to plague infection and tending to confuse diagnosis in case of suspicious illness aboard.

At midnight, October 15 and October 16, the royal sanitary authorities issued a proclamation that ten days had elapsed since the last case of plague was removed to the island of Nisida and that the port of Naples was free from plague. No case has been reported since then.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*NAPLES, ITALY, *October 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the steamship *Perugia*, of the Anchor Line, left this port on October 19, 1901, with 538 emigrants for New York. The captain was given a sealed letter as follows:

In addition to the information given on the accompanying bill of health, I have to inform you that the steamship *Perugia*, leaving this port to-day for New York, lay off from the wharf while at Naples; that due precautions were taken to prevent rats from going aboard; that communication with the shore was under my supervision; that the cargo was submitted to a careful scrutiny in order that articles likely to convey contagion should not go without proper treatment, and that all steerage passengers were submitted to a medical examination before going aboard. The temperature of all steerage passengers has been taken, and all persons having a temperature above normal were detained.

All baggage of steerage passengers was disinfected in accordance with the regulations of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Vaccination was omitted in compliance with the regulations as likely to increase the liability to plague infection, and tending to confuse diagnosis in case of suspicious illness aboard.

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